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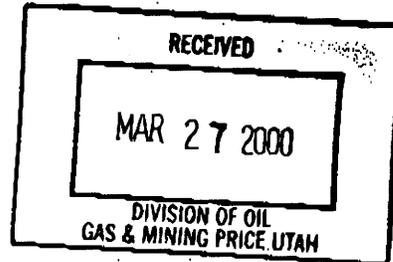
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Re: CGD-5 Diversion following March 6, Earthquake, Plateau Mining Corporation, Willow Creek Mine, ACT/007/038, Carbon County, Utah

Incoming

Dear Mr. Hess:

Plateau Mining Corporation (PMC) will be submitting a modification to its Willow Creek Mine Permit within the next 2 to 3 weeks addressing the aforementioned. PMC has had its consultant review the watershed reporting to CGD-5 to determine whether or not this undisturbed watershed can be commingled with that already reporting to Pond 013. At the same time, the consultant is to determine what modifications would be needed to the refuse pile diversion ditches and culvert reporting to Pond 013.

So far, it appears that Pond 013 can handle the additional water, but there may need to be some minor changes to the diversion ditches and culvert. Furthermore, the elevation level of mine water that Pond 013 receives from Pond 001 will need to be reevaluated and appropriately marked. All conditions that need to be evaluated will be performed to ensure that appropriate ditch and culvert capabilities, sediment and mine water levels, are in place and maintained to ensure compliance with the appropriate performance standards.

In addition to rerouting of the watershed that reported to CGD-5, PMC will also request to discontinue the quarterly surveying of CGD-5 since it appears that the discharge side of CGD-5 is stable and no further monitoring is necessary.

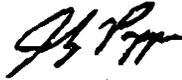
The reason why PMC is considering the rerouting of CGD-5, instead of removing the large boulders from the diversion ditch is safety driven. The amount of boulders laying in and above the diversion ditch creates a very hazardous condition, whereby the likelihood of one or more large boulders rolling down onto a piece of equipment working in CGD-5 exists.

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I'm sure that the Division would agree with PMC that a persons safety takes precedence over an obstructed diversion ditch. If you have any questions or need additional information, please do not hesitate to contact me at (435) 472-4741.

Sincerely,



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